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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORTATION LAWS OF THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS/RIGHT-OF-WAY CLAIM REPORT

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 136-19.6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-19.6. ~~Appraisal-waiver-valuation.~~**Right-of-Way Claim Report.**

(a) Intent. – It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide the Department of Transportation with the resources and flexibility necessary to accelerate the time in which projects are completed while maintaining fairness to affected property owners and other citizens of this State. It is the belief of the General Assembly that providing the Department with the flexibility allowed under subsection (b) of this section will help toward achieving this intent. Therefore, the Department is encouraged to utilize the flexibility provided in subsection (b) of this section for all acquisitions of land in which the ~~value-estimate~~ of the acquisition is ~~estimated~~ at ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less.

(b) Permissive Exception to Appraisal. – When the Department acquires land, and except as otherwise required by federal law, an appraisal is not required if the Department ~~determines that the anticipated value of estimates that~~ the proposed acquisition is ~~estimated~~ at forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or less, based on a review of data available to the Department at the time the Department begins the acquisition process. If the Department ~~determines that an appraisal is unnecessary,~~ estimates the acquisition to be forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) or less, the Department may prepare ~~an appraisal-waiver-valuation-a~~ Right-of-Way Claim Report instead of an appraisal. The owner of the land to be acquired may request the Department provide an appraisal for any right-of-way claim of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more. The Department may contract with a qualified third party to ~~prepare an appraisal-waiver-valuation-a~~ Right-of-Way Claim Report. Any person ~~performing an appraisal-waiver-valuation-preparing a~~ Right-of-Way Claim Report must have a sufficient understanding of the local real estate ~~market to be qualified to perform the appraisal-waiver-valuation-market.~~

...."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 93E-1-3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 93E-1-3. **When registration, license, or certificate not required.**

...



1 (f) ~~A~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g) of this section, a trainee registration,
 2 license, or certificate is not required under this Chapter ~~for~~for any of the following:

- 3 (1) Any person, partnership, association, or corporation that performs appraisals
 4 of property owned by that person, partnership, association, or corporation for
 5 the sole use of that person, partnership, association, or
 6 ~~corporation;~~corporation.
 7 (2) Any court-appointed commissioner who conducts an appraisal pursuant to a
 8 judicially ordered evaluation of ~~property;~~property.
 9 (3) Any person to qualify as an expert witness for court or administrative agency
 10 testimony, if otherwise ~~qualified;~~qualified.
 11 (4) A person who appraises standing timber so long as the appraisal does not
 12 include a determination of value of any ~~land;~~land.
 13 (5) Any person employed by a lender in the performance of appraisals with
 14 respect to which federal regulations do not require a licensed or certified
 15 ~~appraiser;~~ and appraiser.
 16 (6) A person who performs ad valorem tax appraisals and is certified by the
 17 Department of Revenue under G.S. 105-294 or ~~G.S. 105-296;~~ however, any
 18 G.S. 105-296.
 19 (7) A person who prepares a Right-of-Way Claim Report pursuant to
 20 G.S. 136-19.6.

21 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (f) of this section to the contrary, any
 22 person who is registered, licensed, or certified under this Chapter and who performs any of the
 23 activities set forth in subdivisions (1) through (5) of ~~this~~subsection (f) of this section must
 24 comply with all of the provisions of this Chapter. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply
 25 to certified real estate appraisers who perform a broker price opinion or comparative market
 26 analysis pursuant to G.S. 93E-1-3(c), as long as the appraiser is licensed as a real estate broker
 27 by the North Carolina Real Estate Commission and does not refer to himself or herself as an
 28 appraiser in the broker price opinion or comparative market analysis."
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30 DOT REPORT PROGRAM TO POST TO WEB/REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF 31 REPORTS

32 SECTION 2.(a) G.S. 136-18.05 reads as rewritten:

33 "§ 136-18.05. Establishment of "DOT Report" Program.

34 ...

35 (b) Establishment and Components. – To achieve the intent set forth in subsection (a) of
 36 this section, the Department shall establish and implement the "DOT Report" Program
 37 (Program). The Program shall include the following components:

- 38 (1) Responsiveness. – The Department shall structure the Program to gather
 39 citizen input and shall commit to quickly addressing structural problems and
 40 other road hazards on State-maintained roads. Citizens may report potholes,
 41 drainage issues, culvert blockages, guardrail repairs, damaged or missing
 42 signs, malfunctioning traffic lights, highway debris, or shoulder damage to the
 43 Department of Transportation by calling a toll-free telephone number
 44 designated by the Department or submitting an online work request through a
 45 Web site link designated by the Department. Beginning January 1, 2016, upon
 46 receiving a citizen report in accordance with this subdivision, the Department
 47 shall either address the reported problem or identify a solution to the reported
 48 problem. Excluding potholes, which shall be repaired within two business
 49 days of the date the report is received, the Department of Transportation shall
 50 properly address (i) safety-related citizen reports no later than 10 business
 51 days after the date the report is received and (ii) non-safety-related citizen

1 reports no later than 15 business days after the date the report is received. The
 2 Department shall determine, in its discretion, whether a citizen report is
 3 safety-related or non-safety-related. The Department shall transmit
 4 information received about potholes or other problems on roads not
 5 maintained by the State to the appropriate locality within two business days
 6 of receiving the citizen report. The Department shall ~~provide post~~ a monthly
 7 report ~~to all of the following~~ to the Department's performance dashboard Web
 8 site on the number of citizen reports received under this subdivision for the
 9 month immediately preceding the monthly report, the number of citizen
 10 reports fully addressed within the time frames set forth in this subdivision for
 11 the month immediately preceding the monthly report, the number of citizen
 12 reports addressed outside of the time frames set forth in this subdivision for
 13 the month immediately preceding the monthly report, and the number of
 14 citizen reports not fully addressed for the month immediately preceding the
 15 ~~report.~~ report.

16 a. ~~The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.~~

17 b. ~~The Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly.~~

18 e. ~~The chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee~~
 19 ~~on Transportation.~~

20 d. ~~The chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Department~~
 21 ~~of Transportation.~~

22 (1a) Efficiency. – The Department shall adopt procedures in all stages of the
 23 construction process to streamline project delivery, including consolidating
 24 environmental review processes, expediting multiagency reviews,
 25 accelerating right-of-way acquisitions, and pursuing design build and other
 26 processes to collapse project stages. By December 1, 2015, the Department
 27 shall establish a baseline unit pricing structure for transportation goods used
 28 in highway maintenance and construction projects and set annual targets for
 29 three years based on its unit pricing. In forming the baseline unit prices and
 30 future targets, the Department shall collect data from each Highway Division
 31 on its expenditures on transportation goods during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
 32 Beginning January 1, 2016, no Highway Division shall exceed a ten percent
 33 (10%) variance over a baseline unit price set for that year in accordance with
 34 this subdivision. The Department of Transportation shall institute quarterly
 35 annual tracking to monitor pricing variances. The ten percent (10%) maximum
 36 variance set under this subdivision is intended to account for regional
 37 differences requiring varying product mixes. If a Highway Division exceeds
 38 the unit pricing threshold, the Department shall submit a report to the Joint
 39 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, the Fiscal Research
 40 Division of the General Assembly, the chairs of the House of Representatives
 41 Appropriations Committee on Transportation, and the chairs of the Senate
 42 Appropriations Committee on the Department of Transportation no later than
 43 the fifteenth day of February following the end of the quarter calendar year on
 44 why the variance occurred and what steps are being taken to bring the
 45 Highway Division back into compliance. In order to drive savings, unit pricing
 46 may be reduced annually as efficiencies are achieved.

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48 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law, except that the report
 49 required under G.S. 136-18.05(b)(1), as amended by this section, shall continue to be provided
 50 monthly to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, the Fiscal Research
 51 Division of the General Assembly, the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations

1 Committee on Transportation, and the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the
2 Department of Transportation, until it is posted to the Department's performance dashboard Web
3 site.
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5 **REPEAL OF BIENNIAL REPORT ON OFF-PREMISE SIGN REGULATORY** 6 **PROGRAM**

7 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 136-12.1 is repealed.
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9 **CHANGE TO DOT OUTSOURCING AND PROJECT DELIVERY REPORTS**

10 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 136-12.3 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 136-12.3. Outsourcing and project delivery reports.**

12 ...
13 (b) Outsourcing Report. – For each Highway Division, the Department shall provide a
14 detailed ~~biannual~~ report on all payments made to private contractors for preconstruction
15 activities. In order to compare internal costs incurred with payments made to private contractors,
16 and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Department shall include project-specific
17 expenses incurred by division, regional, or central staff. The Department shall not include
18 expenses incurred for central business units that support and oversee outsourcing functions. The
19 information in the first report submitted under this subsection shall be used to establish a baseline
20 to use for setting future preconstruction outsourcing targets. The Department shall submit the
21 ~~reports-report~~ required under this subsection to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
22 Committee by ~~September 1~~ and March 1 of each year.

23 (c) Project Delivery Report. – For each Highway Division, the Department shall provide
24 a detailed annual report in accordance with the following requirements:

25 ...
26 (2) For each project, the report shall indicate the status of all of the following
27 phases:
28 a. Planning ~~a-and~~ design in progress.
29 b. Right-of-way acquisition in progress.
30 c. Project let for construction.
31 d. Construction substantially complete and traffic using facility.
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33 ...
34 (d) Combined Report. – The Department may combine the reports required to be
35 submitted by ~~March 1~~ under subsections (b) and (c) of this section into a single report.
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38 **REPEAL OF ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND RELATED REPORTING** 39 **REQUIREMENTS**

40 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 136-44.4 is repealed.

41 **CHANGE TO ANNUAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE** 42 **REPORT**

43 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 136-12(a) reads as rewritten:

44 "(a) The Department of Transportation shall, ~~on or before the tenth day after the convening~~
45 ~~of each regular session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, make a full printed, detailed~~
46 ~~report to the General Assembly, showing the construction and maintenance work and the cost of~~
47 ~~the same, receipts of license fees, and disbursements of the Department of Transportation, and~~
48 ~~such other data as may be of interest in connection with the work of the Department of~~
49 ~~Transportation. shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by~~
50 March 1 of each year on how the previous fiscal year's funds for maintenance and construction
51 were allocated and expended. The report shall include expenditures of both State and federal

1 funds and shall be in sufficient detail that the county can be identified. A full account of each
2 road project shall be kept by and under the direction of the Department of Transportation or its
3 representatives, to ascertain at any time the expenditures and the liabilities against all projects;
4 also records of contracts and force account work. The account records, together with all
5 supporting documents, shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Governor or road
6 authorities of any county, or their authorized representatives, and copies thereof shall be
7 furnished such officials upon request."
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9 **AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PASSENGER-ONLY** 10 **FERRIES**

11 **SECTION 7.** G.S. 18B-108 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 18B-108. Sales on ~~trains.~~trains and ferries.**

13 (a) Trains. – Alcoholic beverages may be sold on railroad trains in this State upon
14 compliance with Article 2C of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes. Malt beverages, unfortified
15 wine, and fortified wine may be sold and delivered by any wholesaler or retailer licensed in this
16 State to an officer or agent of a rail line that carries at least 60,000 passengers annually.

17 (b) Ferries. – Alcoholic beverages may be sold on passenger-only ferries established
18 pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes upon compliance with Article 2C of
19 Chapter 105 of the General Statutes. Malt beverages, unfortified wine, and fortified wine may be
20 sold and delivered by any wholesaler or retailer licensed in this State to an officer or agent of the
21 Department of Transportation for sale on passenger-only ferries."
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23 **PART II. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

24 **REMOVE THE MAILING REQUIREMENT FOR DEALER MANUALS**

25 **SECTION 8.** G.S. 20-302 reads as rewritten:

26 **"§ 20-302. Rules and regulations.**

27 The Commissioner may make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions
28 of this Article, as he shall deem necessary or proper for the effective administration and
29 enforcement of this Article, provided that the Commissioner shall make a copy of such rules and
30 regulations shall be mailed to each motor vehicle dealer licensee available on a Web site
31 maintained by the Division or the Department of Transportation 30 days prior to the effective
32 date of such rules and regulations."
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34 **DMV MAY ALLOW TRANSITIONING MILITARY TRUCK DRIVERS CERTAIN CDL** 35 **WAIVERS/CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE TRUCK OPERATIONS**

36 **SECTION 9.(a)** G.S. 20-37.13 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

37 "(c3) The Division may waive the knowledge and skills test for a qualified military
38 applicant who has been issued a military license that authorizes the holder to operate a motor
39 vehicle representative of the class and endorsements for which the applicant seeks to be licensed.
40 The applicant must certify and provide satisfactory evidence on the date of application that the
41 applicant meets all of the following requirements:
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43 (1) The applicant is a current or former member of an active or reserve component
44 of the Armed Forces of the United States and was issued a military license
45 that authorized the applicant to operate a vehicle that is representative of the
46 class and type of commercial motor vehicle for which the applicant seeks to
47 be licensed and whose military occupational specialty or rating are eligible for
48 waiver, as allowed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

49 (2) The applicant is or was, within the year prior to the date of application,
50 regularly employed in a military position requiring operation of a motor

1 vehicle representative of the class of commercial motor vehicle for which the
2 applicant seeks to be licensed.

3 (3) The applicant meets the qualifications listed in subdivision (2) of subsection
4 (c1) of this section."

5 **SECTION 9.(b)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2018.

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7 **DMV MAY SHARE DRIVER MEDICAL RECORDS WITH STATE AND FEDERAL**
8 **AUTHORITIES**

9 **SECTION 10.(a)** G.S. 20-7(e) reads as rewritten:

10 "(e) Restrictions. – The Division may impose any restriction it finds advisable on a drivers
11 license. It is unlawful for the holder of a restricted license to operate a motor vehicle without
12 complying with the restriction and is the equivalent of operating a motor vehicle without a
13 license. If any applicant shall suffer from any physical or mental disability or disease that affects
14 his or her operation of a motor vehicle, the Division may require to be filed with it a certificate
15 of the applicant's condition signed by a medical authority of the applicant's community
16 designated by the Division. The Division may, in its discretion, require the certificate to be
17 completed and submitted after a license or renewal has been issued based on the applicant's
18 performance during a road test administered by the Division. Upon submission, the certificate
19 shall be reviewed in accordance with the procedure set forth in G.S. 20-9(g)(3). This certificate
20 shall in all cases be treated as ~~confidential~~ confidential and subject to release under
21 G.S. 20-9(g)(4)h. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the Division from
22 refusing to issue a license, either restricted or unrestricted, to any person deemed to be incapable
23 of safely operating a motor vehicle based on information observed or received by the Division,
24 including observations during a road test and medical information submitted about the applicant.
25 An applicant may seek review pursuant to G.S. 20-9(g)(4) of a licensing decision made on the
26 basis of a physical or mental disability or disease. This subsection does not prohibit deaf persons
27 from operating motor vehicles who in every other way meet the requirements of this section."

28 **SECTION 10.(b)** G.S. 20-9(g)(4)h. reads as rewritten:

29 "h. All records and evidence collected and compiled by the Division and
30 the reviewing board shall not be considered public records within the
31 meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and
32 may be made available to the public only upon an order of a court of
33 competent jurisdiction. An applicant or licensee may obtain, without a
34 court order, a copy of records and evidence collected and compiled
35 under this subdivision about the applicant or licensee by submitting a
36 written request to the Division, signing any release forms required by
37 the Division, and remitting the required fee set by the Division. All
38 information furnished by, about, or on behalf of an applicant or
39 licensee under this section shall be without prejudice and shall be for
40 the use of the Division, the reviewing board or the court in
41 administering this section and shall not be used in any manner as
42 evidence, or for any other purposes in any trial, civil or
43 ~~criminal~~ criminal, except as authorized in this sub-subdivision. The
44 prohibition on release and use under this sub-subdivision applies
45 without regard to who authored or produced the information collected,
46 compiled, and used by the Division under this subdivision. The
47 Division may, as it deems necessary, release information collected
48 under this subdivision to any other State or federal government agency
49 for purposes of determining an individual's ability to safely operate a
50 commercial motor vehicle or to obtain a commercial drivers license."

51 **SECTION 10.(c)** G.S. 20-37.13A(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Medical Qualifications Standards Applicable to Commercial Drivers. – All commercial drivers license holders and applicants for commercial drivers licenses must meet the medical qualifications standards set forth in 49 C.F.R. § 391.41. As allowed under G.S. 20-9(g)(4)h., the Division may release information it deems necessary to any other State or federal government agency for purposes of determining an individual's ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle or to obtain a commercial drivers license."

PART III. SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES

AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE AN "ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE

SECTION 11.(a) G.S. 20-79.4(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

...
 (1) Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated. – Issuable to an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12. The plate shall bear the Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated logo.

...."

SECTION 11.(b) G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.

(a1) Fees. – All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
North Carolina Sheriffs' Association	\$30.00
Operation Coming Home	
<u>Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
Outer Banks Preservation Association	

(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a) of this section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), which is established under G.S. 113A-253, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>CWMTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
Operation Coming Home				
<u>Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Order of the Long Leaf Pine	\$10	\$10	\$0	\$0

SECTION 11.(c) G.S. 20-81.12 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-81.12. Collegiate insignia plates and certain other special plates.

(b159) Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of "Order

1 of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated" plates to the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.
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4 **SECTION 11.(d)** The Revisor of Statutes is authorized to alphabetize, number, and
 5 renumber the special registration plates listed in G.S. 20-79.4(b) to ensure that all the special
 6 registration plates are listed in alphabetical order and numbered accordingly.

7 **SECTION 11.(e)** This section becomes effective February 1, 2019.

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 9 **AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE AN "ALPHA
 10 PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY" SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE**

11 **SECTION 12.(a)** G.S. 20-63(b1)(47) is reenacted as it existed immediately before
 12 its repeal.

13 **SECTION 12.(b)** G.S. 20-79.4(b)(6) is reenacted as it existed immediately before
 14 its repeal.

15 **SECTION 12.(c)** The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity special registration plate listed as
 16 expired in G.S. 20-79.7(a1) and (b) is reenacted as it existed immediately before its repeal.

17 **SECTION 12.(d)** The additional fee amount for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
 18 special registration plate listed under G.S. 20-79.7(a1), as reenacted by this section, is modified
 19 to thirty dollars (\$30.00). The Revisor of Statutes shall reorganize the table accordingly.

20 **SECTION 12.(e)** The distribution of fees for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity special
 21 registration plate listed under G.S. 20-79.7(b), as reenacted by this section, is modified to ten
 22 dollars (\$10.00) for the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA) and twenty dollars (\$20.00)
 23 for the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA). The Revisor of Statutes shall
 24 reorganize the table accordingly.

25 **SECTION 12.(f)** G.S. 20-81.12(b39) is reenacted as it existed immediately before
 26 its repeal and reads as rewritten:

27 "(b39) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. – The Division ~~must receive 300 or more applications for~~
 28 ~~the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall~~
 29 transfer quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from
 30 the sale of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity plates to the ~~Association of North Carolina Alphas~~
 31 ~~(ANCA) Educational Foundation~~ Education Consortium of North Carolina, Inc., for scholarships
 32 for the benefit of African-American males ~~in ANCA~~ attending accredited North Carolina
 33 colleges and universities."

34 **SECTION 12.(g)** This section becomes effective February 1, 2019.

35
 36 **INCREASE FEE FOR WILDLIFE RESOURCES SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE,
 37 AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION**

38 **SECTION 13.** G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

39 **"§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.**

40 ...

41 (a1) Fees. – All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle
 42 registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

43 Special Plate Additional Fee Amount

44 ...

45 Wildlife Resources \$20.00\$30.00

46 ...

47 (b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and
 48 Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must
 49 credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a) of this
 50 section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural
 51 Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), which

1 is established under G.S. 113A-253, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is
 2 established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

3	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>CWMTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
4	...				
5	Wildlife Resources	\$10	\$10\$20	\$0	\$0
6"				

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 8 **INCREASE FEE FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS**
 9 **SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, AS REQUESTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL**
 10 **ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS**

11 **SECTION 14.(a)** G.S. 20-79.4(b)(104) reads as rewritten:

12 "(104) International Association of Fire Fighters. – The plate authorized by this
 13 subdivision shall bear the logo of the International Association of Fire
 14 Fighters. The Division may not issue the plate unless it receives at least 300
 15 applications for the plate. The plate is issuable to one of the
 16 following: following in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12:

- 17 a. A person who presents proof of active membership in the International
 18 Association of Fire Fighters for the year in which the license plate is
 19 sought.
- 20 b. The surviving spouse of a person who was a member of the
 21 International Association of Fire Fighters, so long as the surviving
 22 spouse continues to renew the plate and does not remarry."

23 **SECTION 14.(b)** G.S. 20-79.7 reads as rewritten:

24 **"§ 20-79.7. Fees for special registration plates and distribution of the fees.**

25 ...
 26 (a1) Fees. – All other special registration plates are subject to the regular motor vehicle
 27 registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

28	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>Additional Fee Amount</u>
29	...	
30	Harley Owners' Group	\$20.00
31	<u>International Association of Fire Fighters</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
32	I Support Teachers	

33 ...
 34 (b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and
 35 Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must
 36 credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a) of this
 37 section among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural
 38 Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), which
 39 is established under G.S. 113A-253, and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, which is
 40 established under G.S. 113-44.15, as follows:

41	<u>Special Plate</u>	<u>SRPA</u>	<u>CCAPA</u>	<u>CWMTF</u>	<u>PRTF</u>
42	...				
43	In-State College Insignia	\$10	\$15	\$0	\$0
44	<u>International Association of Fire</u>				
45	<u>Fighters</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
46	I Support Teachers – Expired				
47	July 1, 2016				
48"				

49 **SECTION 14.(c)** G.S. 20-81.12 reads as rewritten :

50 **"§ 20-81.12. Collegiate insignia plates and certain other special plates.**

51 ...

1 (b160) International Association of Fire Fighters. – The Division shall transfer quarterly the
2 money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of
3 "International Association of Fire Fighters" plates to the Professional Firefighters of North
4 Carolina Charitable Fund.

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7 **ORDER OF THE LONG LEAF PINE PLATE EXEMPT FROM APPLICATION**
8 **REQUIREMENT**

9 **SECTION 14.5.** G.S. 20-81.12(b140) reads as rewritten:

10 "(b140) Order of the Long Leaf Pine. – The Order of the Long Leaf Pine plate is not
11 subject to the provisions of G.S. 20-79.3A or ~~G.S. 20-79.8~~. G.S. 20-79.8, including the minimum
12 number of applications required under G.S. 20-63(b1). The Division shall transfer quarterly the
13 money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived from the sale of Order of
14 the Long Leaf Pine plates to the General Fund."

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16 **PART IV. OTHER CHANGES**

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18 **CDL EXEMPTION FOR OPERATORS OF FIREFIGHTING OR EMERGENCY**
19 **EQUIPMENT**

20 **SECTION 15.** G.S. 20-37.16(e)(2) reads as rewritten:

21 "(2) Any vehicle when used as firefighting or emergency equipment for the
22 purpose of preserving life or property or to execute ~~emergency~~-governmental
23 ~~functions~~-functions, including, but not limited to, necessary maintenance,
24 training, or required operation for official business of the department."

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26 **REPEAL REQUIREMENT THAT SIGNS BE ERECTED ON HIGHWAYS ENTERING**
27 **THE STATE INDICATING THAT HIGHWAYS ARE PATROLLED BY UNMARKED**
28 **POLICE VEHICLES**

29 **SECTION 16.** G.S. 20-190.2 is repealed.

30
31 **DEFINITION OF OWNER AND SECURITY INTEREST CLARIFICATIONS FOR**
32 **MANUFACTURED HOMES**

33 **SECTION 16.3.(a)** G.S. 20-58.4(e1) reads as rewritten:

34 "(e1) If the vehicle is a manufactured home, the owner may proceed in accordance with
35 subsection (e) of this section or may, in the alternative, provide the Division with a sworn
36 affidavit by the owner that the debt has been satisfied and that either:

- 37 (1) After diligent inquiry, the owner has been unable to determine the identity or
38 the current location of the secured creditor or its successor in interest; or
39 (2) The secured creditor has not responded within 30 days to a written request
40 from the owner to release the secured creditor's security interest.

41 For purposes of this subsection, the term "owner" shall mean the owner of the manufactured
42 home and the owner of real property on which the manufactured home is affixed or a title
43 insurance company as agent of or on behalf of an insured owner of real property."

44 **SECTION 16.3.(b)** G.S. 20-58.3A(g) reads as rewritten:

45 "(g) The Division shall not be subject to a claim under Article 31 of Chapter 143 of the
46 General Statutes related to the renewal of the perfection of a security interest or the failure to
47 acknowledge or give effect to an expired perfection of a security interest on a certificate of title
48 for a manufactured home pursuant to this section if the claim is based on reliance by the Division
49 on any application for renewal submitted to the Division by a third party pursuant to this section
50 or based on the automatic expiration of a perfection of a security interest pursuant to this section."

51 **SECTION 16.3.(c)** This section becomes effective October 1, 2018.

STATIC WEIGHING OF READY-MIXED CONCRETE TRUCKS

SECTION 16.5. G.S. 20-118 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(l) A vehicle or vehicle combination that hauls unhardened ready-mixed concrete may be weighed with weigh in motion scales, but the vehicle or vehicle combination must be weighed static, allowing the drum to come to a complete stop."

CREDIT BALANCES IN HIGHWAY FUND AND HIGHWAY TRUST FUND TO BE DIVERTED TO A NONREVERTING ACCOUNT IN THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND TO PAY FOR ANY COSTS RELATED TO CANCELLATION/MODIFICATION OF I-77 COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT

SECTION 16.8.(a) Notwithstanding subsections (f) and (f1) of G.S. 136-44.2 and G.S. 136-186, the Director of the Budget shall allocate, no more than a cumulative total of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000), from any credit balances in the Highway Fund and the Highway Trust Fund to a nonreverting account in the Highway Trust Fund to pay for any costs, damages, or monetary penalties determined to be owed by the State from the cancellation or modification of the Comprehensive Agreement, and the funds allocated are hereby appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION 16.8.(b) Except as otherwise prohibited by the terms of any issued bond, any funds expended from the nonreverting account established in subsection (a) of this section shall be repaid by toll revenues collected on the I-77 managed lane project for a period of 10 years. If after this period there is still an amount to be repaid to the nonreverting account, then DOT is authorized to fully repay this amount from the Highway Fund Maintenance Funds allocation to Mecklenburg County and by reducing the allocation made to Division 10 under G.S. 136-189.11(d)(3). The nonreverting account must be fully repaid no later than 20 years after the payment for any costs, damages, or monetary penalties determined to be owed by the State from the cancellation or modification of the Comprehensive Agreement.

SECTION 16.8.(c) The funds allocated in subsection (a) of this section shall only be used for the payment of any costs, damages, or monetary penalties determined to be owed by the State from the cancellation or modification of the Comprehensive Agreement. No other use of these funds are authorized by this section.

SECTION 16.8.(d) For purposes of this section, the term "Comprehensive Agreement" means the Comprehensive Agreement for the I-77 HOT Lanes project in Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties, dated as of June 26, 2014, including any amendments made to the Comprehensive Agreement.

SECTION 16.8.(e) This section becomes effective June 30, 2018. Any unexpended or unencumbered funds from the nonreverting account shall be returned to the source from which the funds came upon the earlier of (i) the payment of all costs, damages, and monetary penalties determined to be owed by the State from the cancellation or modification of the Comprehensive Agreement or (ii) July 1, 2023.

DOT STUDY OF POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR CANCELLATION/MODIFICATION OF I-77 COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT

SECTION 16.9. Study. – The Department of Transportation (DOT) shall study and identify all potential and existing funding sources to pay for any costs, damages, or monetary penalties determined to be owed by the State from the cancellation or modification of the Comprehensive Agreement, or a change in the scope of the project covered by the Comprehensive Agreement. For purposes of this section, the term "Comprehensive Agreement" means the Comprehensive Agreement for the I-77 HOT Lanes project in Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties, dated as of June 26, 2014, including any amendments made to the Comprehensive

1 Agreement. DOT shall report its findings, including any legislative recommendations, to the Joint
2 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by October 1, 2018.

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4 **SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES/STATE AND NATIONAL MOTTOS PLATE**
5 **REVISIONS**

6 **SECTION 16.10.** G.S. 20-63(b), as amended by Section 34.27(a) of S.L. 2018-5,
7 reads as rewritten:

8 "(b) Every license plate must display the registration number assigned to the vehicle for
9 which it is issued, the name of the State of North Carolina, which may be abbreviated, and the
10 year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration. A plate issued for a commercial
11 vehicle, as defined in G.S. 20-4.2(1), and weighing 26,001 pounds or more, must bear the word
12 "commercial," unless the plate is a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4 or the
13 commercial vehicle is a trailer or is licensed for 6,000 pounds or less. The plate issued for vehicles
14 licensed for 7,000 pounds through 26,000 pounds must bear the word "weighted," unless the
15 plate is a special registration plate authorized in G.S. 20-79.4.

16 A registration plate issued by the Division for a private passenger vehicle or for a private
17 hauler vehicle licensed for 6,000 pounds or less shall be, at the option of the owner, either (i) a
18 "First in Flight" plate, (ii) a "First in Freedom" plate, or (iii) a "National/State Mottos" plate. A
19 "First in Flight" plate shall have the words "First in Flight" printed at the top of the plate above
20 all other letters and numerals. The background of the "First in Flight" plate shall depict the Wright
21 Brothers biplane flying over Kitty Hawk Beach, with the plane flying slightly upward and to the
22 right. A "First in Freedom" plate shall have the words "First in Freedom" printed at the top of the
23 plate above all other letters and numerals. The background of the "First in Freedom" plate may
24 include an image chosen by the Division that is representative of the Mecklenburg Declaration
25 of 1775 or the Halifax Resolves of 1776. A "National/State Mottos" plate shall ~~(i) be a white~~
26 ~~plate, (ii) have above all other letters and numerals the~~ have in words the motto of the United
27 States "In God We Trust" printed at the top of the plate above all other letters and numerals and
28 have in words the State motto "To Be Rather Than To Seem". ~~in gold lettering over a~~ The
29 background of the "National/State Mottos" plate shall include an image chosen by the Division
30 that is representative of the ~~containing the American flag, American Flag.~~ ~~(iii) have the letters and~~
31 ~~numerals of the plate number in dark blue lettering, (iv) have below the plate number "North~~
32 ~~Carolina" printed in light blue bold Arial Black capitalized font, and (v) have at the bottom of~~
33 ~~the plate the State motto "To Be Rather Than To Seem" printed in dark blue lettering matching~~
34 ~~the North Carolina flag and italicized."~~

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36 **PART V. EFFECTIVE DATE**

37 **SECTION 17.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2018.